

LITTLE IN BUT THE TIDE TODAY

Only Four Fishing Craft Report With Fares at New Fish Pier.

Hardly anything but the tide was in at the Boston fish pier this morning. In all four arrivals made port, three with groundfish and one from swordfishing.

Wholesale quotations were \$2.75 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.75 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for hake, \$2.35 for pollock and \$2 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1500 pollock.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
- Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 6000 haddock, 1800 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Anna, 7 swordfish.
- Haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.35; cusk, \$2.

The Newfoundland Catch.

The following reported catches of codfish in the different districts up to September 26, 1913 and 1914, were posted at the Board of Trade rooms at St. John's, N. F., last week:

| District | 1914 | 1913 |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Placentia and St. M... | 37,020 | 47,830 |
| Burin | 95,180 | 103,265 |
| Fortune Bay | 37,520 | 49,645 |
| Burgeo and LaPoile | 34,300 | 24,760 |
| St. George's | 4,845 | 2,625 |
| St. Barbe | 12,165 | 18,925 |
| Twillingate | 24,525 | 52,575 |
| Fogo | | 55,000 |
| Bonavista | 44,435 | 57,520 |
| Trinity | 23,545 | 31,905 |
| Bay de Verde | 21,300 | 11,464 |
| Carbonear | 1,900 | 1,310 |
| Hr. Grace | 5,800 | 8,220 |
| Port de Grave | 2,600 | 1,905 |
| Hr. Main | 2,400 | 3,935 |
| Ferryland | 11,965 | 19,845 |
| Straits | 7,530 | 17,000 |

The Labrador Report.

The steamer Kyle, Capt. Parsons, arrived at Labrador at 10 a. m. today, having been as far north as Nain. The weather on the Labrador during the trip was very boisterous, especially on Saturday and Sunday last, when much damage was done to fishing property. Four vessels were lost on the coast two from Conception, one from Bonavista, and one from Trinity Bays, but fortunately there was no loss of life. Capt. Parsons reports that all the floaters are now on the way home and there is not now a vessel north of Muford. All have secured good trips, many of them being loaded. The fishery is now over both with shoremen and floaters and all that the former need to finish up the season is fine weather to "make" their fish. In this respect, however, the season is unusually backward and only one vessel has left the coast so far for foreign market. Several other sailing vessels and steamers are being

loaded, but the work is being greatly delayed owing to the scarcity of dry fish. Two patients for the hospital arrived by her, one of which was landed from a banker on Labrador.—St. John's Herald, October 8.

Going South.

Sch. Thalia is being fitted for the south snapper fishing by Capt. John Belong.

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A MORNING OF DANDY TRIPS

Sch. Elmer E. Gray Has One of Seasons Best Halibut Fares—Gill Netters Land

More halibut arrived over Saturday afternoon and yesterday, two nice fares being on the market this morning.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. John Glynn, from Quero has a 40,000 pound fare, one of the largest of the season, besides 10,000 pounds salt cod and 10,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, hails for 18,000 pounds halibut and about 60,000 pounds fresh and 7000 pounds salt cod. The Hammond shipped some halibut from Nova Scotia, previous to taking a new baiting.

Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Lyman Wyde, has 170,000 pounds fresh fish and 3000 pounds fresh halibut. Over from Portland is sch. Volant, Capt. Gus Dunsky, with 6000 pounds salt cod, and 40,000 pounds fresh fish. The Volant disposed of her halibut fare of 10,000 pounds at Portland.

The British sch. Saragota arrived this morning, bringing 350,000 pounds salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Saturday, steamers Geisha and Bethulia the first of the season's gill netters to engage in the fishery, made a set, lifting yesterday. Each had 5000 pounds fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Volant, via Portland, 6000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Quero Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Stiletto, Cape Shore, 170,000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. fresh halibut.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, Cape Shore, 18,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
- British schooner Saragota, Perce, Province of Quebec, 350,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Commonwealth, via Boston.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Thelma, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Maxine Elliott, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Ethel B Penney, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.
- Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.
- Sch. Georgianna, haddocking.
- Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
- Sch. Viking, pollocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Fitted halibut, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.30.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Salt medium mackerel, \$20 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 10 1-4c for white, 7 1-4c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

FULTON MARKET RECEIPTS LIGHT

Storms Greatly Hamper Operations of Fleet Fishing Out of There.

There was a heavy falling off in supply of fish last week at Fulton Market. The complaint of all the dealers being that there was practically no stock to work with. There had been plenty of fish, business would have been better than at a time during the previous six months.

The crafts had a hard time of it. Only 19 came into port and each a light supply. In all, fish receipts the week reached 385,400 pounds which was only half the quantity of the same landed during the preceding week. Of course it must be taken into consideration that during the week just ended there were storms, which prevented the fishing boats obtaining good results.

Of all the fish landed this week more than half, 194,000 pounds were bluefish. Last week the blue catches amounted to 471,275 pounds. During the week there were 900 pounds of cod fish arrivals, with a total of 900 pounds. The previous boats had 1,900 pounds.

Cod, market fish sold at 2 1-2 cents. There was a great deal of medium sized steak cod in the market principally from New Bedford, which sold at 4 to 5 cents a pound. Large steak cod sold up to 9 cents.

Haddock was quoted at 2 to 4 cents. Hake brought 2 1-2 to 4 cents. There were none to be had on Saturday Monday.

Halibut—Western white fish quoted at 9 to 10 cents, and Eastern white fish at 15 cents.

Pollock sold at 3 to 5 cents.

TEN SEINERS AT NORTH SYDNEY

Ten of the North Bay fleet of seiners anchored at North Sydney, N. S., last Tuesday with fares of salt mackerel ranging from 270 barrels down to 100 barrels each. Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr. Capt. Norman Ross, was high liner with 270 barrels.

The North Sydney Herald of Wednesday says:

"The Stars and Stripes flying from the peaks of no less than 10 fishing schooners lying in the stream yesterday mingled with about 30 Union Jacks flying from as many British craft, made a sight that is seldom equalled on a bright Autumn afternoon. All hail for from 270 barrels, the catch of the Francis J. O'Hare, down to 100 barrels of choice mackerel. The vessels are the Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Norma, Ralph Hall, Monarch, Corsair, Aloha, Benjamin A. Smith, Helen G. Wells, Clintonia and Esperanto."

THREE CRAFTS TO GO FOR SNAPPER

Three crafts will shortly leave this port to engage in the southern snapper fishery out of Pensacola.

The latest addition to the fleet is sch. Georgia, Capt. John G. Sullivan, who has concluded the season's fishing and is now fitting for the south. Sch. Thalia, Capt. John Belong, goes south, also sch. Yakima, recently commanded by Capt. Robert White, which has been sold to Pensacola and will be commanded by Capt. F. Cooney.

Changes in the Fleet.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf has been up sch. Kineo and is to fit out for a Newfoundland fishing trip.

Capt. Jack McKay will change sch. Gossip to sch. Kineo, which will be fitted for fresh halibuting.

Sch. Georgia, Capt. John Sullivan has given up halibuting and will fit his vessel for the southern snapper fisheries.

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Portland Fish Receipts.

Nearly 90,000 pounds of fish were landed at Portland Friday, and the fares included 10,000 pounds of halibut brought in by the schooner Volant in command of Captain Dunksy. While haddock are decidedly scarce at this port other species of ground fish are plentiful and the fares landed at the fish wharves Friday were about normal.

- Volant, 10,000 pounds of halibut.
- Dorcas, 10,000 pounds mixed fish.
- Eleanor, 30,000 pounds mixed fish.
- Albert Black, 30,000 pounds mixed fish.
- George Bowden, 4,000 pounds mixed fish.
- Small boats, 5,000 pounds mixed fish.
- Total, 89,000 pounds.

Landings at Pensacola.

The crafts at Pensacola landed nearly a quarter of a million pounds of red snappers and groupers at the fish house piers during the week ending October 11. The quantity, which sounds big, was not nearly large enough to meet the demands of the trade. The actual weight of the fish brought in by 11 boats was 247,715 pounds, of which 198,475 pounds were red snappers and the balance groupers (49,240 pounds). Had it not been for a succession of storms over the Gulf of Mexico the catches would have been heavier and a greater number of vessels would have reached port.

Mackerel Catch and Imports.

The mackerel catch to date is 66,419 barrels fresh and 13,321 barrels salt. Last year to this time, 44,890 barrels fresh and 5840 barrels salt were landed.

Mackerel imports received at Boston total 6791 barrels fresh and 14,344 barrels salt. For the corresponding period of 1913, 17,338 barrels fresh and 11,671 barrels salt were brought in.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Elmer E. Gray sold to the New England Fish company for nine cents per pound for white and seven cents for gray.

The fare of sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the American Halibut company for ten and one-quarter cents per pound for white and seven and one-quarter for gray.

The fare of sch. Stiletto sold to the American halibut company.

HERRING STRIKE BAY OF ISLANDS

Herring have struck in abundantly at Bay of Islands, and the fish are of the largest kind. At Middle Arm and North Arm they are numerous. As high as 15 barrels per net have been taken.

Sch. Meteor, owned at Curling, N. F., by John Tulk & Sons, arrived from Labrador Tuesday with a fair crop of cod. That is about the last to arrive.

At the present time there is a good sign of cod on the Bay of Islands and if the weather permits, undoubtedly there would be some large catches brought to land.

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FEW MACKEREL AT THE NEW PIER

Two Steamers Have Small Lots—Fair Amount of Groundfish In.

Monday morning brought a fair sized fleet of arrivals at Boston, mostly average fares.

Two small lots of mackerel, the first to be landed for some time were brought in by steamers Sawyer and Quartette. The former had 200 pounds and the latter 400 pounds besides some bluebacks.

Groundfish was in fair demand, although prices were moderate. The largest hauls were those of schs. Corona, 60,000 pounds; Elizabeth W. Nunan, 59,000 pounds; Harriett, 65,000 pounds; steamer Long Island, 100,000 pounds; Foam, 65,000 pounds; Surf, 53,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.50 to \$3 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5 to \$7 for large and \$2.50 to \$3 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3 for hake, \$2 to \$3 for pollock, \$2 for cusk and 15 cents a pound for fresh halibut.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Foam, 64,000 haddock, 1300 cod.
- Str. Surf, 52,000 haddock, 1300 cod.
- Str. Long Island, 100,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
- Str. Billow, 13,000 haddock, 400 cod.
- Sch. Harriett, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 pollock, 200 halibut.
- Sch. Juno, 40,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake, 3000 cusk.
- Sch. Genesta, 3500 haddock, 15,000 cod, 9000 hake, 6000 cusk.
- Sch. Leonora Silveria, 3500 haddock, 1400 cod, 3200 hake, 1500 cusk.
- Sch. Corona, 9000 haddock, 46,000 cod, 4000 hake, 400 cusk, 300 halibut.
- Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 1800 cod, 7500 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 4000 cod, 50,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Albert W. Black, 3500 cod, 30,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 22,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
- Sch. Mettacommet, 500 cod, 13,000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 5000 haddock, 1800 cod, 6000 hake, 500 cusk.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Jeanette, 9000 haddock, 700 cod, 5000 hake, 2500 cusk, 3000 pollock.
- Str. Sawyer, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel, some bluebacks.
- Str. Quartette, 400 lbs. fresh mackerel, some bluebacks.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2; halibut, 15 cents per lb.

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PROVINCETOWNER HIT BY SQUALL

Sch. Annie Perry, Captain Manuel Enos, was caught in a sudden squall off Providence Sunday night, in which she lost 20 tubs of trawl, 10 anchors and ten buoys. Two men also came very near losing their lives.

One hundred barrels of whiting were taken by the Race trap boat owned by the Fisherman Cold Storage Company Monday.

A new iron lath hoister has been placed on the premises of the Fisherman Cold Storage Company.

Str. Lois H. Corkum was in port Monday on account of a break in her steering apparatus.

Capt. Alex Kemp is nursing a badly injured hand which was caught and jammed between a spar that had been picked up in the bay and the motor fishing boat Jessie D.

The following vessels have discontinued fishing until January: Schs. Natalie J. Nelson, Phillip P. Manta, Luceania. Several others will discontinue after the next week's trip.

The flounder dredging boats are engaging in the flounder fishing at Hyannis.

Sloop Leah C., Captain William Coera, secured 110 barrels of bluebacks and 6 barrels of mackerel Monday.

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N. F. LOOKS FOR LOWER PRICES

Says the St. John's, N. F., Herald of October 12:

We understand that the tendency in fish prices is a downward one and that the leaders of our commercial communities are of opinion that a very decided shrinkage in value may be expected in the near future. If so the situation is going to be a serious one for the fishermen and it will add unquestionably to the depression now certain to be experienced here during the next few months. An agitation has been set on foot for a government guarantee of the price of fish, but there seems to be no possibility whereby this can be carried out. We have already pointed out some of the difficulties in the way of giving effect to such a proposal, instancing especially the situation in the United States where a similar proposal with regard to the crop of the cotton states was made only to be rejected as impossible of carrying out. An alternative proposal, which is being now actively enterprised, is for the wealthy people to buy a bale of cotton instead of a bond or stock and hold this cotton until conditions would enable it to be sold at a profitable figure. We point out, moreover, that another difficulty regarding a guarantee is that if it is effective now it should be quite as effective at any other time, and therefore it be possible by an administrative enactment, to fix the price of fish for all time—and, if that is admitted, it is equally possible to fix the prices for every other commodity.

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SHIPPERS TALK ON SALT FISH

Codfish remain firm, but the market is rather quiet at present, says the Fishing Gazette.

Elias Wolff of San Juan, Porto Rico, an agent for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. in that city, was in New York this week.

In an interview, Mr. Wolff said the salt fish market was quiet at the present time, but that he looked for an increase in activity as soon as the sugar crop was harvested. The crop will be a record one and will result in an increased business between the United States and Porto Rico.

"The more sugar you buy, the more codfish we will buy," said Mr. Wolff.

In reply to a question, Mr. Wolff was emphatic in his statement that removal of the duties on sugar would be a great blow to his island, and hoped the time would never come when the product was without protection. It is necessary, according to Mr. Wolff, because of the cost of manufacturing the sugar, to have some duty on it.

"I think that the Havana and Porto Rico markets are improving somewhat. At least, it has seemed so the past few days," said the executive head of the leading New York salt fish house, Wednesday. "They are getting very large shipments in both these markets now; their finances are being straightened out; and things are being worked up all right," he concluded.

"It has been our experience with respect to Mediterranean markets, that the difficulty is in getting the goods over there. They get the money over here all right," said the executive of a leading New York concern which specializes in salt fish, last Wednesday.

"There is no life whatever in the salt fish market," said a veteran New York authority Thursday.

"They are all laying down in Hayti," said another New York merchant. "They are not paying up and the market is in all respects most unsatisfactory."

"The Havana and Porto Rico markets are very unsatisfactory," said a third. "Fish have deteriorated down there. That's the trouble, but full price was paid for that fish up here. Someone is losing a nice sum of money. The drums left here worth \$34, or at least \$33 and \$32, for choice fish. The markets are weak, and the supposition is that prices cannot be held particularly in Ponce," concluded this authority.

SALT STEAMER MADE QUICK TRIP

The Norwegian steamship Sigrun came into port last night about 5 o'clock after a 17 days trip from Iviza, with a cargo of 3500 tons of salt for Fred Bradley.

The steamer is in command of Capt. Ellingson and to him belongs the honor of making one of the quickest trips from Europe to this port. The steamer is at anchor in the outer harbor.